

**Reservoir High School Music Boosters
Executive Board Meeting
September 9, 2008**

Minutes of the 8/11/08 Executive Board meeting

Minutes of the 8/11/08 Executive Board meeting were distributed. They were approved as written.

Call to Order

President Rob Dice called the meeting to order at 7:30. In addition to staff, approximately 30 parents were in attendance

Budget Update by Leo Garcia

- The spaghetti dinner raised \$963
- The staff appreciation breakfast cost \$223
- Approximately half of the marching band fees have been collected
- The organization is currently operating at a \$4,600 loss—this is in line with expectations since there are several large expenses in the early portion of the fiscal year, and fundraisers don't start raising revenue until October

Fundraisers

- Rob Dice announced that the pizza and pretzel fundraiser was reinstated, responding to a desire from some members to have additional opportunities for students to raise funds towards the spring trip.
- Barbara and David Sherry are chairing this fundraiser, and Barbara Sherry reminded parents of the upcoming submission deadline.
- John Lee created a fundraising calendar that was distributed the meeting, and would be distributed at the upcoming required meeting on 9/15/08, as well as being placed on the Internet site
- Leo Garcia indicated that weather forecasts for the weekend were calling for rain, and he would be keeping an eye on the forecasts to determine whether the car wash scheduled for Saturday would be canceled
- The Boosters will be getting access to the eSchool newsletter to help advertise our fundraisers
- It was suggested that signs be created for the car washes (to be placed at the exit of each community Saturday mornings, and removed following the car wash) to help advertise the car washes. Mr. Dubbs indicated that we already had a large supply of stakes for signs (donated to the boosters earlier).
- Scott Schiller provided an update on Marchathon, announcing that money and forms should be submitted as soon as possible. LaDean Barksdale was so moved by the presentation that she immediately submitted her student's Marchathon donation!
- Scott Schiller also provided an update on SchoolPop, and indicated he was seeking a parent to assist with this fundraiser.
- Rob Dice announced that the Art Auction is scheduled for March 20.
- The Boosters are still seeking a volunteer to coordinate the dinner raffle.

Marching Band:

- First appearance of the marching band will be at Friday's football game
- 12-15 adults are needed for the pit crew
- Donna Fenicle asked the directors to speak with the students about being more respectful to the parent volunteers assisting with the uniforms.
- The need for some type of storage pod for marching band equipment and materials was discussed. The issue was tabled until the October meeting so that specific needs, storage options, and prices, could be researched.
- Brenda Hoe reminded parents to purchase tickets to the marching band competitions from the boosters, since we are obligated to sell (or purchase) a specific number of tickets for certain shows. Anne Lee reinforced the importance of buying competition tickets from the Boosters, and indicated that we had some losses last year when we didn't sell our block of tickets.

Tuxedos

- Scott Schiller made a motion to authorize the music directors to spend up to \$15,000 to acquire tuxedos for all performing groups (except madrigals and jazz band)
- Matt Dubbs indicated that the directors supported this request, and responded to several questions about policies that will be implemented regarding the tuxedos, including an annual tuxedo usage and cleaning fee (in the \$15 range).
- Some issues still need to be decided, such as whether students could use the tuxedo for non-music department events, like the Prom (raised by Donna Fenicle) and where the tuxedos will be housed (raised by Bonnie Door).
- The directors have price proposals from several vendors, and will make a vendor decision based on quality, service and price. (Special thanks to LaDean Barksdale and Sally Kelly for their help in identifying local vendors and obtaining price quotes!)
- The tuxedos will be worn by males in all performing groups, except Madrigals and Jazz Band.
- After discussion, the motion to purchase the tuxedos passed unanimously

Spring Trip

- Matt Dubs provided an updated on the spring trip, and answered several questions from parents.
- They are still waiting for approval for the Board of Education. The request was submitted 7/13/08.
- If the trip was not approved the directors had a "Plan B" and a "Plan C."
- The likely dates will be 4/2/08-4/7/08, and students will only miss one day of school.

9/15 Mandatory Meeting

- Rob Dice reminded everyone that there will be a mandatory meeting of music department parents on 9/15
- A first-ever music department handbook will be distributed, which will include all forms (spring trip, fruit sales, etc...), a calendar, class syllabi, etc...
- Rob indicated he redesigned the medical forms, which now allows a parents to re-sign them each year if there is no change in the student's medical condition

- It was noted that Fulton ES's back-to-school is the same night, so Rob indicated a make-up meeting date will be scheduled for those parents who could not make the initial meeting

New FREE Concert Added to Schedule

- Will involve orchestra, chorus, madrigals and concert band and is scheduled for 10/29/08
- Halloween theme, students can wear appropriate costumes
- Concert will be free, but will be requesting donations for a children's medical charity
- A parent noted that Murray Hill MS may have a concert the same night; Mr. Dubbs indicated he will explore that issue

Skirts

- The school has a large supply of skirts no longer used by the music department, and there is a desire to see if others can use them to free up storage space
- Donna Fenicle suggested giving them to a needy school in New Orleans
- Since they skirts belong to the school, Matt Dubbs and/or Greg Knauf will investigate if and how the skirts can be given away
- Discussion tabled until we learn the policies and procedures for disposing of these items

"Big River"

- Greg Knauf stated that the Cast list will be posted tomorrow
- Performance dates are 11/20/09-11/23/08

Other

- Brenda Hoe announced: (1) the RHS Boosters is hosting a spaghetti dinner on 10/23 from 6:00-8:00; (2) a senior pancake breakfast will be held the morning of homecoming (10/29/08); and, (3) Poinsettias sold by the RHS Boosters will be available to decorate the stage during the Holiday concert
- In response to a perceived need for additional fundraisers for the trip, Brenda submitted some ideas to Chris Mitchell. Discussion of the proposal was tabled until the October meeting.

Adjournment

With no further business before the group, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next general membership meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the music suite.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Schiller
Secretary, RHS Music Boosters